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ROME FOR U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

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SUBJECT: ANTIDUMPING: INEDIBLE GELATINS - PKB AND KIMIN

REFERENCE: ROME 5459

SUMMARY. YUGOSLAVS AGREE WITH SOME RELUCTANCE TO PERMIT
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE VISIT TO ENTERPRISE KEMIN. ACTION
REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON TIMING AND FORMAT
PROPOSED BY YUGOSLAVS FOR VISIT.

1. EMBASSY CONVEYED INFORMATION REFTEL TO CHAMBER OF
ECONOMY ORALLY APRIL 4 AND BY LETTER APRIL 5, AND RAISED
MATTER WITH FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARIAT APRIL 8. THE LATTER
ANNOUNCED THAT U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE
AUTHORIZED TO MEET WITH KEMIN. OFFICIAL STATED U.S. REP
WOULD BE RECEIVED BY SLOVENE CHAMBER OF ECONOMY WITH KEMIN
OFFICIALS PRESENT AND COULD THEN PROCEED FOR PLANT VISIT TO
BE FOLLOWED BY BUSINESS LUCHEON ON ENTERPRISE'S PREMISES.

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2. TIMING PREFERRED BY THE YUGOSLAVS WOULD BE MAY.
FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH SLOVENE
CHAMBER OF ECONOMY WILL SERVE AS HOST, YUGOSLAV
(FEDERAL) CHAMBER OF ECONOMY ALSO WISHES TO KEEP INVOLVED.
YUGOSLAV CHAMBER OFFICIAL (PILIPOVIC) HOWEVER
WILL BE ENGAGED FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS (EMBASSY COMMENT: AS

SILLY AS THIS EXCUSE SOUNDS, IT MAY BE CORRECT. IOLOPOVIC IS THE ONLY MAN WORKING ON U.S., CANADA AND U.K. AFFAIRS,) AND EMBASSY KNOWS INDEPENDENTLY THAT HE IS FULLY COMMITTED UNTIL AT LEAST THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY.).

3. THE FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT AGREEMENT FOR THE CUSTOMS SERVICE VISIT WAS BEING GIVEN WITH SOME RELUCTANCE. HE STATED THAT KEMIN WISHED TO AVOID DIVULGING BUSINESS SECRETS WHICH MIGHT FALL INTO THE HANDS OF COMPETITIVE PRODUCERS. FURTHER, HE INDICATED, BOTH THE ENTERPRISE AND THE CHAMBER OF ECONOMY WERE CONCERNED THAT REQUEST FOR VISIT SEEMED TO INDICATE USG DOUBTED VERACITY OF WRITTEN INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO CUSTOMS SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL OBJECTED THAT USG WAS "THREATENING" TO TREAT YUGOSLAVIA LIKE STATE-CONTROLLED ECONOMY IF YUGOSLAVS WOULD NOT AUTHORIZE CUSTOMS SERVICE VISIT.

4. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL OF THE ABOVE OFFICIALS, THE EMBASSY HAS EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THERE SHOULD BE ANY QUESTION ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF THE CUSTOMS SERVICE VISIT. WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT BOYD EXPLAINED CLEARLY DURING THE FEBRUARY 11 MEETING WITH YUGOSLAV CHAMBER OF ECONOMY THAT VERIFICATION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE ENTERPRISE IS A ROUTINE BUT REQUIRED PART OF THE INQUIRY. WE HAVE NOTED THAT WHEREAS WE DO NOT EXPECT TO PROBE COMPANY BUSINESS SECRETS. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SEE RECORDS THAT SUBSTANTIATE THE QUESTIONNAIRE. WITH OUT SUCH VERIFICATION, WE HAVE POINTED OUT, U.S. AUTHORITIES HAVE NO CHOICE UNDER THE LAW AS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHETHER DUMPING COMPLAINT IS HANDLED SIMILARLY TO INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS IN STATE-CONTROLLED ECONOMIES.

5. AS FOR THE PROPOSED TIMING OF THE VISIT, EMBASSY INFORMED THE YUGOSLAVS THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CHECK WITH U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE REACTION TO FORMAT AND TIMING PROPOSED BY THE YUGOSLAVS FOR CUSTOMS SERVICE VISIT.
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